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Re: Nomination of Darrel J. Papillion to Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

My name is David F. Bienvenu, a practicing attorney in New Orleans. I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly urge the appointment of Darrel J. Papillion to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I have known Darrel for many years, in his roles as opposing counsel, as a mediator in litigation in which represented one of the parties, and as a fellow past president of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Darrel is a man of keen intellect, solid work ethic and of the highest integrity to which our Profession aspires. I know he would be an invaluable asset to a fair and impartial Eastern District Bench.

If I can answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate contact me.

Sincerely,

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